

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Oct. 12, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Hispanic Heritage Month event today

The Garrison and U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools equal opportunity advisors, APG Equal Employment Office and Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee members will conduct this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month observance 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the APG Recreation Center.

The event is free and all military, civilian and family members of the APG community are welcome to attend.

The celebration will include free food samplings, cultural displays, a musical performance and a guest speaker.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Arbel Connor, 410-278-2529; Sgts. 1st Class Tasha Ahmed, Gail Brennan, or Staff Sgt. Antonio Chavez, 410-278-5598; Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, 410-278-1534; Kathleen Crosby, 410-278-1137; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

Free Montgomery Gentry tickets available

USO-Metro is offering free tickets to the Montgomery Gentry Tribute to the Troops concert at Nissan Pavilion, Oct. 8 to active duty service members, reservists, retirees and Department of Defense civilian employees. Special guests include Chely Wright, Keith Anderson and Luke Stricklin.

Gates open at 4 p.m. The event includes carnival games, a rock wall, magicians, mechanical bulls and more. Each ticket holder also will receive a voucher for \$25 worth of food and beverages at the event, as well as free use of all carnival games.

Tickets can be picked up at the USO office,

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Fire prevention: APG focuses on kitchen fires

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As the festive season approaches, so does the risk of kitchen fires. A cooking fire is the number one cause of home fires and home injuries.

In 2004, there were 3,190 fire deaths that occurred in homes in the United States, a slight increase from the previous year, even though new fire codes have been enacted in several states. There were 14,175 civilian injuries that occurred in home fires. Combining the two statistics shows a grim picture that over 45 people die or are injured by house fires every day.

Most cooking fires start with the ignition of common household items (e.g. food, grease, cabinets, wall coverings, paper or plastic bags, paper towel rolls installed over stoves, combustible utensil such as wooden or plastic spoons and spatulas, pot holders, etc.)

The leading cause of cooking fires is the result of unattended cooking.

Across the nation, two out of three reported fires start with the range or stove, said Andre Fournier, fire protection specialist for the Fire and Emergency Services Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.

"Aberdeen Proving Ground follows this trend in that four of our last five fires in the housing area were the result of unattended cooking," Fournier said.

"You hear it all the time, I only left the kitchen for a second. People get preoccupied by answering the telephone, a neighbor stops by and the occupants simply forget that they are cooking."

Many kitchen fires, typically cooking fires,

are preventable. Individuals can adopt measures that can reduce the risk of such fires.

Care should be taken when cooking with oil, butter, or other greasy foods, which are highly flammable and can easily splatter or spill from pots and pans. Cooking aids are available to limit grease splattering, and individuals should be warned not to extinguish such fires with water, which reacts violently when poured on hot grease or oil. Small grease fires can be extinguished by placing a cover over the pan or smothering the fire with baking soda, and remembering to turn the stove off.

Loose fitting, long-sleeved clothing such as bathrobes should not be worn while cooking, as the cloth may ignite and cause serious injuries.

The fact that the leading factor in kitchen fires is unattended cooking should serve as a reminder to keep an eye on cooking materials. Simply double-check that all dials on the stoves and ovens are off when cooking is completed.

Keep the cooking area clean and clear of combustibles (e.g. potholders, towels, rags, drapes and food packaging). If stove top frying is done, have a grease screen available to trap most of the splattered grease in the pan. Remember when broiling steaks in the oven, always drain the animal fat out of the broiler pan after each use. Periodically clean the walls around the stove and clean the oven to reduce the risk of fire.

Always keep pot handles turned away from the front of the stove to avoid the possibility of tipping the pan over on children, pets or com-

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Army launches traffic safety program to reduce accidents

Training program required for all Soldiers, Army civilians, contract personnel

Ned Christensen
IMA

Everyone who drives an Army vehicle must complete a new online course designed to make people think about driving safer.

The Accident Avoidance Course is available through the Army Knowledge Online Learning Management Services. All Soldiers, civilian employees and contractor

employees who drive Army-owned or leased vehicles must complete the training when they start working for the Army. Refresher training must be completed every four years.

The course meets the four-year refresher training requirements of Army Regulation 385-55 and Army Regulation 600-55.

Installation Management Agency safety officials

worked with the Combat Readiness Center and the National Traffic Safety Institute to develop a course that explores how values and attitudes affect an individual's driving behavior.

Driving is one of the few critical skills that Soldiers use in both military and civilian life. Changing a Soldier's attitude toward vehicle safety over the span of his career is

key to reducing accidents, said Mario Owens, chief of Safety and Occupational Health for IMA.

Training will be customized to each person using a risk assessment of driving behavior and habits.

The driver's safety course is expected to motivate people to improve driving skills, Owens

said.

Awareness of aggressive driving, defensive driving techniques and avoiding distractions will be emphasized through the course.

Discussion of driving under the influence, substance abuse, child safety and weather factors also have been included in

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New telephone scam warning

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

According to a Criminal Information Bulletin distributed by the Fort Campbell, Ky., Criminal Investigation Command, a new method of identity theft targeting military personnel has been identified.

Telephone scammers, by direct telephone contact, are attempting to persuade victims to reveal their personal information.

The ruse works as follows: The scammer calls the residence or office number of the victim and identifies themselves as an officer or employee of the local court or jurisdiction. The scammer tells the victim that because he or she has failed to report for jury duty, a bench warrant is being issued for their arrest. The victim's shocked reaction places them at an immediate disadvantage. Naturally the victim will deny being notified of any jury duty. This is when the scammer shifts into high gear, assuring the victim that it could all be a misunderstanding or clerical error that can be cleared up over the phone. All the victim needs to do is verify their information by answering a few simple ques-

tions.

If there is any reluctance on the victim's part, the scammer threatens that the failure to provide the information will result in an immediate execution of an arrest warrant. Using this ruse, the scammer obtains names, social security numbers, dates of birth, and will also solicit credit card or bank account information, claiming that the information will be used by their credit bureau to verify the victim's identity. Family members who receive these calls are especially vulnerable to coercion because threats against the sponsor's military career, should he or she be arrested, are frightening and persuasive.

Soldiers, civilian employees and their family members should be made aware of this and other threats to their personal information and identities. Legitimate court employees will never call to solicit personal information. In addition, jury duty or other official notifications are sent by standard mail delivery. Any person receiving such calls should record the scammer's phone number, if Caller ID is available, and immediately report the contact to authorities.

Fall cleanup dates approaching

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby has issued a Letter of Instruction for the upcoming Fall Clean-up to service members, residents, and employees of the Aberdeen and Edgewood area.

The dates are as follows:

All units except the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School will conduct fall cleanup Oct. 24 to 28.

All USAOMMS units will conduct fall cleanup Nov. 2 to 9.

Installation Housing areas will conduct fall cleanup Nov. 15 to 21.

Both Re-Nu-It centers, building 5413 and E-5185, will be open Oct. 24 and 31 and Nov. 7, 14 and 19. Garden equipment, trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer are available in both centers.

Equipment for installation housing area cleanup will be issued Nov. 15 and must be returned by noon, Nov. 22.

Equipment for all units except USAOMMS will be issued Oct. 24 and must be returned by noon, Oct. 31.

Equipment for the USAOMMS will be issued Nov. 2 and must be returned by noon Nov. 9.

Personnel should check with their unit, organization or area coordinator for further instructions or contact Irby at 410-278-1509.

Community Awareness Day scheduled

Rebecca J. Chisholm
APG News

The garrison community is joining up to promote a number of causes at the first Community Awareness Day on Oct. 15 at the Emergency Services Building 2200.

Combining Crime Prevention Month, Fire Safety Week, Child and Youth Services Fest and Red Ribbon Month, the Fire Department, Police Department, Army Substance Abuse Program office, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, Child and Youth Services and other APG organizations are getting together to offer information and activities promoting kitchen safety.

Starting with a Drug Free Fun Run, sponsored by the Army Substance Abuse Program, the day will be filled with demonstrations, visitors, activities and games, designed to make families aware of the dangers that are present in the kitchen.

The APG Police will be celebrating "McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog's" 25th anniversary with cake for everyone.

"We will also have demonstrations from our K-9 unit, self defense demos, Special Reaction Team demos and an appearance from Trooper 1, the Maryland State Police helicopter," said Officer Michael Farlow.

The Marine and Wildlife Section will be on hand to demonstrate some of their opportunities and activities, he added.

The Fire Department will demonstrate a trench rescue as well as an automobile rescue operation. Two fully operational

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Soldier Show comes to APG

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show is scheduled to give three performances at Aberdeen Proving Ground Oct. 29 and 30. See article on page 13.

Photo courtesy of USACFSC

Gulf Coast Hurricane victims helped through charities

Lisa Mack
CFC Chairperson

Everyone has seen the horrendous devastation of the Gulf Coast caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Families have been displaced and their lives ripped apart by one of nature's deadliest forces, and all they could do is scramble for safety. Unfortunately, many lives were lost and the destruction seems unimaginable.

However, many charitable organizations are providing assistance to the Gulf Coast victims and have been approved for participation in the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign. Early contributions to the CFC may be made through an organization's key worker to the following charities. For a description of each, visit their individual Web site.

0117 AARP Foundation, 202-434-6200, www.aarp.org/foundation

1401 Adventist Development & Relief Agency International, 800-424-ADRA, www.adra.org

1979 Air Compassion America, 866-270-9198, www.aircompassionamerica.org

1828 Alley Cat Allies, 240-482-1980, www.alleycat.org. 1803 Alley Cat Rescue, 301-699-3946, www.saveacat.org.

2651 America Responds with Love, Inc., 321-AMERICA, www.respondwithlove.org

0437 America's Second Harvest, 800-771-2303, www.secondharvest.org

0504 American Cancer Society, 800-ACS-2345, www.cancer.org.

1801 American Humane Association, 303-792-9900, www.americanhumane.org

0508 American Kidney Fund, 800-638-8299, www.kidneyfund.org

0510 American Lung Association, 800-LUNG-USA, www.lungusa.org

0700 American Red Cross, 202-303-4546, www.redcross.org

0333 AmeriCares, 800-486-HELP, www.americares.org

1133 Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team, Inc., 301-984-0217, www.amurt.net

1228 Angel Flight, 800-296-3797, www.angel-flight.org

1262 Angel Flight America, 901-332-4034, www.angelflightamerica.org

1802 ASPCA: American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 212-876-7700, www.aspc.org

2022 Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, 800-624-5156, www.agrm.org

2002 Baptist World Alliance, 703-790-8980, www.bwanet.org

0119 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA), 215-567-7000, www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org

1414 Brother's Brother Foundation, 888-323-1916, www.brothersbrother.org

0102 Catholic Charities USA, 703-549-1390, www.catholiccharitiesinfo.org

1561 Child Welfare League of America, 202-638-2952, www.cwla.org

1572 Children's Miracle Network (Osmond Foundation for the Children of the World), 801-278-8900, www.cmnn.org

1946 Children's Network International, 877-264-2243, www.childrensnetwork.org

0428 Christian Appalachian Project, 866-270-4227, www.christianapp.org

0356 Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), 800-55C-RWRC, www.crwrc.org

0310 Church World Service/CROP, 800-297-1516, www.churchworldservice.org

2969 CitiHope International, Inc., 845-676-4400, www.citihope.org

2105 Coast Guard Foundation, 860-535-0786, www.cgfdn.org

0520 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 800-FIGHT-CF, www.cff.org

1811 Days End Farm Horse Rescue, 877-442-1564, www.defhr.org

1407 Direct Relief International, 800-676-1638, www.directrelief.org

2108 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Charitable Service Trust (Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust), 859-441-7300, www.dav.org

1813 Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans (NEADS) (National Education Assistance Dog Services, Inc.), 978-422-9064, www.neads.org

2403 Dollars for Scholars (Scholarship America), 800-279-2083, www.scholarshipamerica.org

0566 Easter Seals, 800-221-6827, www.easterseals.com

1246 FARM AID, 800-FARM-AID, www.farmaid.org

1234 Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund (FEEA), 800-323-4140, www.feea.org

2052 Feed The Children, 800-627-4556, www.feedthechildren.org

9844 First Book, 202-393-1222, www.FirstBook.org

0113 Gifts In Kind International, 703-836-2121, www.giftsinkind.org

1501 Giving Children Hope (Global Operations and Development), 714-524-4454, www.gchope.org

1847 Greyhound Foundation (National Greyhound Foundation), 352-628-2281, www.4greyhounds.org

0025 Habitat for Humanity International, 800-422-4828, www.habitat.org*

1457 Heart To Heart International, 913-764-5200, www.hearttoheart.org

1838 Hearts United for Animals, 402-274-3679, www.huaa.org

1200 Human Care Charities of America, (Independent Charities of America), 800-477-0733, www.hcare.org

0452 Humane Society of the United States, The, 202-452-1100, www.hsus.org*

0526 Huntington's Disease Society of America, 800-345-HDSA, www.hdsa.org

1818 In Defense of Animals, 415-388-9641, www.idausa.org

1037 International Aid, Inc., 616-846-7490, www.internationalaid.org

2934 International Association for Human Values, 202-363

2136, www.iahv.org

1423 International Medical Corps, 800-481-4462, www.imcworldwide.org

0348 International

Orthodox Christian Charities, 866-803-4622, www.ioce.org

1047International Relief & Development, Inc., 703-248-0161, www.ird-dc.org

0351 International Relief Teams, 800-638-8079, www.irtteams.org

0319 International Rescue Committee, 877-733-7338, www.theirc.org

0530 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The 800-955-4572 www.leukemia-lymphoma.org

2278 MADRE, Inc., 212-627-0444, www.madre.org

0534 March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, 888-663-4637, www.marchofdimes.com*

0035 Medical Teams International, 503-624-1000, www.nwmedicalteams.org

0365 Mercy Corps, 800-292-3355, www.mercycorps.org.

2526 Mercy Medical Airlift, 888-675-1405, www.mercymedical.org

1498 Mercy-USA for Aid and Development, Inc., 800-556-3729, www.mercyusa.org

2464 Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, 818-784-6787, www.mhopus.org

2038 Operation Blessing International Relief and Development Corp., 800-730-2537, www.ob.org

2735 Operation USA, 800-678-7255, www.opusa.org

0320 Oxfam America, 800-77-OXFAM, www.oxfamamerica.org

1816 PETA: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), 757-622-7382, www.peta.org

0433 PETsMART Charities, 800-738-1385, www.pets-martcharities.org

0114 Points of Light Foundation, 202-729-8165, www.pointsoflight.org

0325 Project HOPE, 800-544-4673, www.projhope.org

2410 ProLiteracy Worldwide, 888-528-2224, www.proliteracy.org

0899 Rebuilding Together, Inc., 202-483-9083, www.rebuildingtogether.org

0338 Salvation Army World Service Office (SAWSO), 800-SAL ARMY, www.salvationarmyusa.org

2068 Samaritan's Purse, 800-528-1980, www.samaritanspurse.org

0326 Save the Children, 800-728-3843, www.savethechildren.org

0060 Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of the United States, 314-576-3993, www.svdpusa.org.

0584 Spina Bifida Association of America, 800-621-3141, www.sbaa.org

0560 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 800-822-6344, www.stjude.org

0674 Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation, 800-315-2580 www.starlight.org

1485 Trickle Up Program, Inc., 212-255-9980, www.trickle-up.org

1824 United Animal Nations, 800-440-3277, www.uan.org.

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Four retirees honored in September ceremony

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

One Soldier and three civilians were hailed as “outstanding Americans” during the Aberdeen Proving Ground retirement ceremony held in their honor at Top of the Bay Sept. 28.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, hosted the program.

The honorees were CW4 Joseph J. Zielinski, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School; Krishan S. Goel, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; George G. Bruce III, CHPPM; and Ray T. Barksdale, APG Garrison, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Wright said that the four were completing “144 years of dedicated service to our nation and our Army.”

“As you retire, and throughout your retirement, you can be proud that your hard work, personal sacrifices and contributions played a significant part in our Army’s many successes and achievements,”

Wright said.

Assisted by Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, Wright presented awards to the honorees.

Zielinski was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and the Presidential Certificate of Retirement. His wife Ronnie received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Goel, Bruce and Barksdale received DA certificates of retirement and appreciation. Their wives, Santosh Goel and Dorlyes Barksdale received APG certificates of appreciation.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joseph J. Zielinski

A native of Berwick, Pa., Zielinski enlisted in the Army in 1978 after earning an associates degree in science from Vicennes University. During his 27-year career he served overseas in Germany, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and numerous stateside assignments, culminating as the professional development officer with the Wheel and Track Automotive Department, Directorate of

Instruction, OMMS.

Zielinski is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course and Warrant Officer Candidate, Advanced and Staff courses.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (fifth award), Army Commendation Medal (third award) Army Achievement Medal (third award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with three bronze stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and more.

Zielinski said that he and his wife Ronnie plan to move back to Pennsylvania, and that he plans to remain in the maintenance arena.

“I want to thank the Ordnance Center and Schools for making this assignment possible,” Zielinski said.

“I will miss the camaraderie and the military discipline, but now I have more time to spend with my family and family is number one.”

Krishan S. Goel

Goel was born in 1940 in a small village, Ladda, State of

Punjab in India. He attended Ranbir College in Sangrur and received his bachelor’s degree in economics in 1962.

After emigrating to the United States, Goel obtained a master’s of library science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He became a library intern at the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. in 1974, and then accepted a position with the Scientific and Technical Information Library at the U.S. Army Ballistics Research Laboratory at APG in 1975. Goel has been with CHPPM since 1981. He retired Sept. 30 with 31 years of service.

Goel said he plans to stay in Harford County, do some traveling, take courses at the local college and enjoy nature.

“My thanks to CHPPM because I enjoyed my work there,” Goel said. “Now it’s my time to do some gardening and enjoy long drives in the country.”

George G. Bruce III

A native of Baltimore, Bruce moved to Harford County in 1968. He graduated from the University of Baltimore in 1970 with a bachelor’s degree in history.

His federal career began in 1971 as a court official with the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in

Baltimore where he was involved in court proceedings involving the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew.

In 1987, he began working for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and eventually moved on to the editorial staff at CHPPM. Along with his other duties, Bruce served as CHPPM’s disability coordinator. He is credited with establishing a model program and spearheading efforts to obtain a handicap ramp, parking signs, and procuring elec-

tric chairs and scooters for disabled employees. Bruce received several awards and letters of appreciation from CHPPM commanders while serving in this capacity. In addition, his involvement in Toastmasters has garnered him several awards.

Bruce retires with more than 34 years of government service. He said his plans include spending time with his nieces and nephews and following the Baltimore

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Photo by RALPH BROTH, APG PHOTO LAB
APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, far left, congratulates Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joseph J. Zielinski and his wife Ronnie, and Col. John T. Wright, Garrison and deputy installation commander, third from left, shakes hands with Krishan S. Goel, during the Retirement Ceremony at Top of the Bay Sept. 28. Looking on are Goel's wife Santosh, George G. Bruce III, Ray T. Barksdale and his wife Dorlyes.

AEC holds award ceremony

Cleon Raynor
AEC

The U.S. Army Evaluation Center held its quarterly award ceremony Sept. 21 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center. Presiding over the ceremony was Dr. James J. Streilein, director, AEC.

Award categories included honorary, special acts, certificates of appreciation and AEC Commanding General coins.

In addition, a number of employees received length of service awards. A total of 47 awards were presented to various AEC employees recognizing their outstanding achievements and service to the Army and the test and evaluation community.

- Superior Civilian Service Award**
Patrick Swoboda
- Achievement Medal for Civilian Service**
James Myers
Donna Smoot
Charles Rice
Alan Smith-Hicks
Leia Hall
- Commander’s Award for Civilian Service**
William Phillips
Elizabeth Catalano
- Special Act Award**
Mark Sykes
Lawrence Bowman
Irene Johnson
Kerry Wyant
Nancy Dunn
Vicki Singleton

- Mark Chipman
Alan Davis
- Group Special Act Award**
Randall Brink
Cheryl Gable
Keith Johnson
Thomas Maloney
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- Group Special Act Award**
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Hazel Richardson
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USAF Tech Sgt gets a STEP up

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

A technical sergeant with Detachment 1, 361st Training Squadron of the U.S. Air Force Detachment, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, was surprised with a merit promotion to master sergeant during a ceremony at the detachment headquarters Sept. 21.

The on-the-spot promotion is known as a Stripes for Exceptional Performers or STEP promotion, which allows a senior commander to recognize an outstanding individual by awarding him or her with the next higher rank.

Master Sgt. Rudy Rohrbaugh is the detachment’s Career Development Course Writer, and its Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. His name was submitted for the advancement by detachment commander Maj. Steven W. Pratt.

“We nominated him for the STEP promotion a few weeks ago,” Pratt said. “The nomination went to our Wing Commander at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and he was selected for promotion.”

Brig. Gen James Whitmore, commander of the 82nd

Training Wing, and Col. Samuel Lofton, commander of the 82nd Training Group, traveled to the detachment for a meeting then surprised Rohrbaugh by congratulating him and tacking on temporary master sergeant decals over his technical sergeant stripes, Pratt said.

“Senior leaders are allowed to do this in a very small number of occasions,” he added. “The individual may have previously tested for promotion to a higher rank, but fell short of the very tough cut-off. If that happens, and the individual is truly worthy, he can be nominated by his supervisor and commander. The final decision is up to senior leaders but if they do decide to promote to the next higher rank, it becomes effective immediately.”

Rohrbaugh said the promotion was “the biggest surprise and greatest moment of my career.”

“And the greater surprise was that brigadier general Whitmore and colonel Lofton would fly up here to present it,” he said. “I was honored that they would take time out of their busy schedules to do

this for me.” With the promotion, Rohrbaugh is committed to another two years but with 20 years already under his belt, he said, he plans to remain active as long as possible.

“This is my life. I’ll stay in until the very end, whatever that may be,” Rohrbaugh said.

“My ultimate goal was to make master sergeant one day,” he added. “Now I’m looking forward to senior master sergeant one day or maybe even chief [master sergeant].”

He said his leaders and co-workers at the detachment “kept the secret pretty well, except for subtle hints,” that he is just now realizing. He said they kept inquiring as to his plans to retire or stay in the military.

“I imagine that had a lot to do with the decision to promote me,” he said.

The native of York, Penn., has been married for 14 years. He said that with a stepson who is an Intensive Care Unit doctor in Germany, a stepdaughter who is a nursing student at Harford Community College, and a wife who is a music teacher, “my life just couldn’t be better.”

“I’m so proud of my children,” he said. “I like to think that my professionalism

rubbed off on them in some way.”

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Photo by MASTER SGT. STEVEN JONES
82nd Training commander Brig. Gen. James Whitmore, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Kesler, far right, tack temporary master sergeant decals on Tech. Sgt. Rudy Rohrbaugh, center, 2004 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and career development course writer, during a surprise Stripes for Exceptional Performers, or STEP, promotion ceremony Sept. 21 date.



Post Shorts

building 405, 228 McNair Road, Ft. Myer, Va.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 703-754-6400. Tickets can also be picked up at the USO Lounge at BWI Airport, 410-859-4425

The Nissan Pavilion at Stone Ridge is located on 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, VA 20136.

EEO to host Disability Training Conference

The APG Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Committee for the disABLED will host the 2005 Disability Training Conference, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Oct. 13 at the Gunpowder Club, building E-4650. Two workshop sessions will address employers’ responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The sessions are free and open to everyone. There will be a brown bag lunch 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guest speaker topic to be determined. Exhibits will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and include converted vans; wheel chairs, hiking, races from Chesapeake Rehabilitation; Federal Relay Service; High School Students Camp from Maryland Youth Leadership; and Curb to Curb Service of Harford Transportation.

Registration deadline is Oct. 7.

For more information or for registration, call Kathleen Crosby, APG EEO, 410-278-1137 or Deana Boyd, APG Disability Committee, 410-278-9186.

To register online, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/>.

Community Information Forum

Army Community Service will host the Community

Information Forum 1 to 3 p.m., Oct. 13, at the Aberdeen Recreation Center.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, 410-278-9669.

ACS holds AFTB Level 9 class

Army Family Team Building is holding a Level One Class 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Oct. 18 and 19 at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road.

Level One Classes are open to anyone in the APG community. The series of 10 classes are taught by volunteers and are designed to give basic information about the military and community resources.

For more information, call 410-278-2464/9669.

MCRT holds quarterly meeting

APG Minority College Relations Team will hold it’s quarterly meeting 10 a.m., Oct. 19, in building 305 Conference Room.

Anyone interested in information about the team can send an e-mail to APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

APG holds Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 22

Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon, Oct. 22 in the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Lunch in the APG dining facility is planned for those attendees desiring to participate. A guest speaker from the Military Officer’s Association of America will provide an update on events affecting military retirees, widows and widowers. For more information, call retired Col. Charles Shadle, 410-663-9263.

South Dakota veter-

ans eligible for bonus

The state of South Dakota is paying a veterans bonus of up to \$500 to certain military personnel who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding entry into the armed forces, who are currently on active duty or were honorably discharged from the armed forces, and who served on active duty during one, or both of the following periods:

For service between the dates of Jan. 1, 1993 through Sept. 10, 2001 payment will be made only to those who served overseas and were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, Southwest Asia Service medal, Kosovo campaign medal or any other U.S. campaign or service medal awarded for participation in combat operations against hostile forces.

All active duty between the dates of Sept. 11, 2001, through a date to be determined, qualifies for a bonus payment.

Application forms may be obtained by writing to SD Veterans Bonus, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre SD 57501, by calling 605-773-7251, or request a form through e-mail at john.fette@state.sd.us. Be sure to include name, street or P.O. Box number, city, state and zip code.

WACVA Chapter 114 holds meeting

The Chesapeake Beacon, Chapter 114, of the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Aberdeen Library, 7 Franklin Street, 10 a.m. to noon, Oct. 8.

For more information, call Wanda Story at 410-272-5040, or go to Web site www.wacva.com.

All women serving in the armed forces are welcome to attend and decide whether they would like to join the Women's Army Corps as regular members of the chapter (all women serving in the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Army Nurse Corps, Women's Army Corps and Women's Army Auxiliary Corps), members-at-large (women who do not want to belong to a chapter at this time), or associate members (women in the Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard).

Mentors needed

The APG Minority College Relations Team is looking for volunteers to mentor students attending minority colleges and universities. All mentoring is done electronically as part of an e-mentoring program.

Interested mentor’s should e-mail APG-MCRT@apg.army.mil.

Who Dunnit Murder Mystery Dinner

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Murder Mystery Dinner, 7 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 28 at Top of the Bay. Join CWF for a fun-filled evening of intrigue and excitement as dinner guests try to figure out “who dunnit.” Cost is \$52 per person and includes dinner with a murder for dessert.

A professional cast will encourage audience participation and provide an evening no one will ever forget. A perfect way to start off a Halloween weekend. Appropriate for all ages.

For more information or for reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

USAWOA meetings scheduled

The Aberdeen-Edgewood Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Warrant Officer Hut located on School Street.

For more information, call retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Pete Hill, 410-278-4195.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Community Recreation Division Holiday Hours Columbus Day 2005

FACILITY	FRI, Oct 7	SAT, Oct 8	SUN, Oct 9	MON, Oct 10
Arts & Crafts, AA	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Arts & Crafts, EA	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Auto Crafts	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED
Bowling Center	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Library, AA	CLOSED	1 - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.	CLOSED
Recreation Center, AA	noon - midnight	noon - midnight	noon - midnight	noon -6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, AA	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 5 p.m.
Recreation Center, EA	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 11 p.m.	noon - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, EA	5 - 10 p.m.	noon - 10 p.m.	noon - 10 p.m.	noon - 5 p.m.
MWR Registration/ITR	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Health & Fitness Center, AA	5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/Fitness Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Ruggles Golf Course, AA	7 a.m. - Dusk	7 a.m. - Dusk	7 a.m. - Dusk	7 a.m. - Dusk
Exton Golf Course, EA	7 a.m. - Dusk	7 a.m. - Dusk	7 a.m. - Dusk	7 a.m. - Dusk
Top of the Bay	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

SCHOOL LIAISON

County schools featured on radio

The Harford County Public School System will, again this year, be featured on two area radio shows each week.

"Our Public Schools" is a half-hour interview show which airs noon each Wednesday on WHFC-FM (91.1), featuring newsmakers discussing programs and events in Harford County Public Schools. The show is hosted by Don Morrison and Teri Kranefeld.

Each Thursday morning at 6:15 a.m., Superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas is featured on WAMD-AM (970) in a 15-minute interview show with the station's morning personality Steve Mann.

Each week, Mann and Haas discuss a topic of interest or the latest news involving the school system.

Also, each Thursday evening at 6 p.m., Morrison and Scott Hubbard host the "Harford Sports Hour" on WHFC. The show features athletes, coaches, and others from the Harford County high school teams and Harford Community College, as well as college or professional athletes, who are graduates of county schools, along with others making sports news in the county.

For more information, call Morrison, 410-588-5203.

Harford County to hold meetings on school topics

The Board of Education of Harford County and Harford County Public Schools will sponsor a series of Town Meetings in late October at four area schools. Citizens from each of the regions are invited to attend any meeting to provide the board and school leadership with input on topics including visioning and redistricting.

The Town Meetings will include smaller focus groups to encourage the exchange of ideas. Meetings will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. at Bel Air High School for the Bel Air High School and C. Milton Wright High School areas; Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at Aberdeen High School for the Aberdeen High School and Havre de Grace High School areas; Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 to 9 p.m. at Joppatowne High School for the Joppatowne High School and Edgewood High School areas; and Thursday, Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at North Harford Middle School for the North Harford High School and Fallston High School areas.

For more information, call Don Morrison, 410-588-5203.

County school sports televised

For the 12th season, Harford County High School sports will be televised. In partnership with the Harford Cable Network, the TV sports are carried on Comcast Channel 21 and Clearview Channel 7.

The fall sports season will include 14 events ranging from football, to girl's and boy's soccer, volleyball, field hockey, lacrosse and cheerleading.

For a complete schedule of air dates, log on to the HCPS Web site, www.hcps.org, or the HCN Web site, www.harfordcable.org.

In addition, a half-hour program, "Your Public Schools," presented twice weekly on HCN features programs including in the HCPS' list of offerings as Don Morrison and Teri Kranefeld go into the schools and school offices to help the public meet the employees, students, volunteers, and others who make the programs successful. Consult the same sources listed above for TV listings.

John Carroll School to hold open house

The John Carroll School, a college preparatory school for grades 9 through 12, located in Bel Air, will hold its annual Open House for prospective students noon to 3 p.m., Oct. 23. The Open House gives parents and students a first-hand look at what John Carroll has to offer. It is a member of the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS), is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, is affiliated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Parent Forum

A Parent forum will take place 5:30 to 8 p.m., Nov. 3, at Aberdeen High School for parents of students in Bakerfield, Church Creek, Churchville, George D. Lisby Elementary at Hillsdale, Hall's Cross Roads, Havre de Grace Elementary, Meadowvale and Roye-Williams Elementary schools.

For more information, call Mike Seymour, supervisor of Equity and Cultural Diversity, 410-273-5678.

tickets is Oct. 20. For more information and showtimes, visit <http://disneyonice.disney.go.com/disneyonice/engagement.jsp?id=93989>

Boxing re-match set for Oct 15

Current champions, the 143rd Ordnance Battalion, will defend their title against the 16th Ordnance Battalion Oct. 15 in the Hoyle Gym. Doors will open at 5 p.m.; boxing begins at 6 p.m.

Enter APG’s photography contest

Pictures say a thousand words – and now photographers in the APG community can make their own statement.

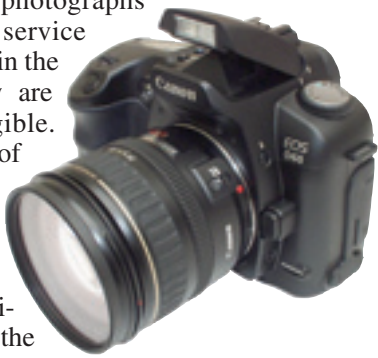
The Arts and Crafts Center is sponsoring a photography competition, to include black and white prints and color prints. The contest is open to the larger military community including Soldiers, reserves, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members. Participants can find contest rules and registration forms at any MWR Facility or at www.appgmwr.com.

Winners' entries will be submitted to the 2005 Army Photography Contest. Submit entries to APG Arts and Crafts, building 2407. Submissions and entries must be done before close of business on Oct. 12. Award presentations will be made on Community Awareness Day, 2 p.m., Oct. 15, at the Post Theater.

Official photographs taken for service functions or in the line of duty are not eligible. Employees of the Army Arts and Crafts program also are not eligible to enter the contest.

For more information, call 410-278-3868 or 410-278-4207.

For information on eligibility, competition classes, categories and divisions, visit the APG Photography Contest Guide at <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/artsandcrafts/>.



ENTRY FOR THE ARMY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST		
Sponsored by: USACFSC ARTS & CRAFTS		
NOTE: Enter comments and/or clarifications, if any, pertaining to entries below in the EXPLANATION section, located on the reverse side of this form.		
SECTION I - CONTESTANT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION		
TITLE OF ENTRY:		
NAME OF CONTESTANT (Last, first, Mi)	RANK (i.e. Staff Sergeant)	
MILITARY ADDRESS: (Include zip Code) (Organization, Unit, Installation, State, Country, PO, APO, etc.)	HOME TELEPHONE: () DUTY TELEPHONE: () DSN:	
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Please check appropriate division; category; and type of entry.		
DIVISION: Active Duty Soldier: _____ Other Eligible Patron: _____		
CATEGORY: Military Life _____ MWR: _____ People: _____		
Nature/ Scenic: _____ Experimental: _____		
TYPE OF ENTRY (Group)		
I. Monochrome Print: _____ II. Color Print: _____ III. Color Transparency: _____ IV. Video: _____		
I certify that I am the sole owner of the copyright in this photographic work and hereby agree to abide by the contest rules and regulations. I hereby authorize any reproduction, distribution, news release, or other use of this entry /copyrighted work without limitation, by or on behalf of the Department of Army.		
SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT		DATE (Year, month, day)
SECTION II - MODEL/PROPERTY RELEASE		
I hereby consent that the picture(s) of me and/or my property, taken for the above named contestant may be used for exhibitions or news release purposes and may be comprehensively used and/or reproduced without limitation by or on behalf of the Department of Defense.		
SIGNATURE OF MODEL, OR PARENT /GUARDIAN IF MODEL IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE (Enter "NA" if Model/Property Release is not applicable.	ADDRESS (Street, city, state, and Zip Code)	DATE (Year, month, day)

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See The Incredibles at Disney on Ice

Disney presents Pixar's The Incredibles in a Magic Kingdom Adventure, at the 1st Mariner Arena in Baltimore, Oct. 26 through 30. Show times vary daily. Tickets cost \$17 each (regularly \$23). Pre-order tickets before they go on sale to the general public. The last day to purchase



Army News



Army breaks ground on new rehab center

Nelia Schrum
Brooke Army Medical Center

Wounded warriors and military leaders broke ground Sept. 22 for what is to be the nation's premiere rehabilitation center for amputees.

The \$40-million facility will be privately funded and located adjacent to Brooke Army Medical Center, along with two new 21-bed-room Fisher Houses.

Arnold Fisher, who serves as the honorary chairman of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and his son, Ken Fisher, who serves as the chairman of the Fisher House Foundation, participated in the groundbreaking along with Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody, Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Kevin Kiley and Brooke Army Medical Center Commander Brig. Gen. James Gilman.

Center to open in 16 months

The rehabilitation center and lodging complex have a projected completion date of January 2007. They will serve wounded troops and veterans who have sustained severe injuries requiring extensive medical care and therapy.

The Fisher Houses will provide lodging for the families of the wounded warriors as their loved ones work their way through the recovery process. The houses will be constructed adjacent to the rehabilitation center.

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and its sister organization, the Fisher House Foundation, are non-profit organizations dedicated to supporting the men and women of the United States armed forces and their families.

Arnold Fisher, a Soldier who served in Korea, said that wounded service members have made substantial sacrifices.

"I know what these kids have given up and I know we need to stand behind them and we need them to know that we stand behind them," Fisher said, adding that the esprit de corps, love of country and excitement about getting back to

their units were inspirational.

The Fishers said that the Army's surgeon general assisted them in making the National Armed Forces Rehabilitation Center a reality by getting the Department of Defense to give the project a green light and provide a proffer for the land.

Fisher: 'Center funds not charity'

Arnold Fisher said the gift to the military from the foundations was not charity; it was something America owes the military.

"When you are successful, you don't just take; you give back," Fisher said.

Ken Fisher, runs the Fisher House Foundation that currently operates 33 Fisher Houses at military installations and at Veterans Administration hospitals. The foundation currently has six houses under construction. The houses offer psychological first aid for the wounded, providing a stress-free living environment and peer support during the recovery process.

Ken Fisher said the two 21-bedroom houses to be built at BAMC would run about \$5.1 million and would support the work of the Center for the Intrepid. The houses will be the largest ever built by the foundation and will triple the capacity of the existing Fisher Houses at BAMC serving wounded warriors he called the "greatest national treasure."

Denzel's donation helped launch project

A wounded Soldier who made a passing comment to Ken Fisher about wishing he could have his entire family with him as he recovered was the inspiration for expansion of the BAMC Fisher Houses.

The BAMC Fisher Houses have stayed full with a waiting list while more than 2,000 wounded have come to the hospital for care.

He said the state-of-the-art rehabilitation complex would enhance the world-class health

care provided at BAMC.

"This is about supporting these young men and women and their desire to defend this nation against hostile forces," said Ken Fisher. "This is important to show them this country supports them and doesn't take them for granted – that there are organizations back home that are there for them."

Ken Fisher said that the generosity of Denzel Washington and his family helped form the cornerstone for the expansion project.

Cody: 'payback for patriotism'

The Army's vice chief of staff said that the contributions of the Fishers and their foundations are from the heart and out of deep respect and pride for America's service men and women.

Predicting that the Center for the Intrepid would be the world's finest rehabilitation center, Cody said the groundbreaking ceremony provided a chance to reflect on the contributions made by military members.

"Every time our nation calls, American service men and women answer undaunted, with selfless courage and unwavering determination," Cody said, adding that, many of the recovering wounded now faced a new battle as they recover from their injuries.

"Time and time again, I am met by Soldiers saying not, 'look what I have given for my country,' but rather, 'what more can I give for my country.'"

Americans working with the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and Fisher House Foundation know the stories of the wounded service mem-

bers, Cody said. The groundbreaking provides the nation a place where a small measure of the enduring patriotism of the wounded warriors might be paid back.

Cody said the passion that Arnold Fisher and his associates feel for the military transcends charity.

"His boundless drive and determination are comparable to what drives our Soldiers to answer their nation's call to duty, live by the Army values and embody the Warrior Ethos," Cody said. "It's not surprising if you know that Arnold himself was a Soldier - a very good Soldier."

Plans include more amenities

The Center for the Intrepid will serve military patients injured in the Global War on Terrorism. Many of these patients have suffered limb-loss. The new 60,000-square foot center will provide those with severe extremity injuries and amputees the best opportunity to regain their ability to live and work productively. The facility will include a pool, indoor running track and two-story climbing wall.

Space for clinical research to improve prosthetic designs is also built in. The planning and execution for the project is being managed in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of the Army and the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy and Air Force, who are responsible for the medical care of all members of the military community.

(Editor's note: Nelia Schrum serves with Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs.)

Civilian retailer delivers copycat uniforms to unsuspecting Soldier

AAFES

While Soldiers await the arrival of the new Army Combat Uniform, the Army & Air Force Exchange and Army G-1 Uniform Policy Section are receiving numerous complaints regarding commercial retailers offering look-alike uniforms that do not meet the Army's specifications for quality and design.

"Some commercial outlets are aggressively appealing to Soldiers awaiting the arrival of the official ACU in January," said Military Clothing Sales Store Army Program Manager Maj. Rachel Danielson.

AAFES has received complaints regarding commercial retailers delivering non-spec uniforms while representing themselves as an official MCSS.

An Army Reserve staff sergeant who received a look-alike uniform advised of numerous problems.

"There was no NSN number on the label," wrote Staff Sgt. Grant Von Letkemann. "The top did not have a belted back, the arm pockets did not have the IR square or the covering tab, there was no pen pocket on the left sleeve, and the zippers were not as described in the PEO one sheet for the ACU. The bottoms did not have a draw string on the hip pocket, there were cinch straps on the sides and no drawstring in the front. The flag was not the (correct) size...I looked at the invoice and saw that there was no AAFES logo or letterhead. The invoice had the title 'Military Clothing Sales Store MCSS.'"

Army Regulation 670-1 states, "Soldiers purchasing uniforms, uniform items or heraldic items from establishments other than the Army military clothing sales store must ensure the items are

authorized for wear and conform to appropriate military specifications or are manufactured in accordance with the UQCP (Uniform Quality Control Program) or the heraldic quality control system."

"Soldiers and commanders are responsible for ensuring they are purchasing and wearing uniforms that are authorized for wear," said Danielson. "Unfortunately, a retailer falsely representing themselves as an AAFES MCSS can make it very difficult for troops to fulfill this responsibility."

AAFES MCSS stores are operated only on military installations.

All AAFES-operated MCSS stores are listed by installation under the "store locator" link at www.aafes.com.

incorporate awareness, skills and motivation are one of the first steps in reducing accidents and improving combat readiness, Owens said.

IMA also plans to field in the next year instructors who will hold face-to-face Army Traffic Safety Training Program classes at installations.

IMA already is conducting Motorcycle Safety Foundation training at installations.

Development of standardized Army-wide safety training also is expected to save the Army money.

"Some commands were spending more than \$1 million a year for vehicle safety programs of all types. The programs weren't standardized. We should be able to save the Army millions of dollars with a standardized course," Owens said. "It's better for Soldiers as well because it is common training they will carry through their Army careers."

To enroll for the online course, visit Army Knowledge Online,

<https://www.us.army.mil>. Click "Training" under the self-service menu, and then register through the Army's Learning Management System.

In the welcome window, click on "Training Catalog." This opens a search window, where the user should enter "Army" in the product name block.

Then register for the Army Traffic Safety Program, Accident Avoidance Course for Army Motor Vehicle Drivers. Users will receive an e-mail confirming registration.

To access the online course, open "Registrations" under the welcome ALMS welcome page. Click on "Transcripts," and then click on "Contents." Open "Army POV 1-3" to complete course.

"The Army is committed to the public health and safety of our Soldiers and civilian employees. We're convinced we can prevent the senseless deaths and injuries that can result from irresponsible behavior behind the wheel," Owens said.

drinks will be available.

Upon entry, participants will sign in and be given a raffle ticket. Prizes will be drawn throughout the day, and those whose names are drawn do not have to be present to win.

After a long day of activities, the movie "March of the Penguins" will be shown, free of charge, at the movie theater. Snacks will be on hand for purchase.

For more information, call Doug Farrington, fire prevention inspector, 410-306-0523.

Fire prevention

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bustible materials.

The Fire and Emergency Services Division in conjunction with the Directorate of Installation Operations have been aggressively active in installing automatic sprinkler systems in transient quarters such as military barracks, BOQ's, temporary housing known as the (Bricks), as well as the Swan Creek Inn.

We have already had a success story Fournier, said.

"In August of 2005 we received a 911 call about a fire in a room at the Swan Creek Inn building 2207," Fournier said. "The fire was a result of unattended cooking as the occupant was visiting another occupant in the building. The sprinkler system activated while the occupant was out of the room and sent an automatic fire alarm signal to the fire station. The sprinkler system kept the fire under control until the fire department arrived and kept the government fire loss down to \$3,000, which could have reached at least \$30,000 in damage if there was no sprinkler system.

We cannot stress the fact of purchasing renter's and home owner's fire insurance said Fournier.

"Kitchen fires happen fast and furious. The average

kitchen fire causes \$10,000 in damages," Fournier said.

"The Fire and Emergency Services Division has constructed a typical kitchen on a trailer and will demonstrate how quickly a kitchen fire can develop and get out of hand at the first APG Community Awareness Day 11 a.m., Oct. 15," Fournier said.

The event will be held at the Emergency Services building, building 2000 in Aberdeen.

"Join the rest of the APG team as we begin to observe the nation's Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9 through 15. Let's make Aberdeen Proving Ground a better place to work and live," Fournier said.

For answers to questions on fire safety, call the fire department on the non-emergency numbers: in Edgewood, 410-436-4451/4452, or in the Aberdeen, 410-306-0572/0573.



Photo courtesy of DSHE
This kitchen fire at Swan Creek in August was caused by unattended cooking.

Traffic

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the training program. It takes about an hour to complete.

Driving accidents — both in Army motor vehicles and privately-owned vehicles — are the number one killer of Soldiers, Owens said. More Soldiers have died behind the wheel in fiscal 2005 than in each of the previous 14 years.

"Soldiers are driving more than ever before, and under a wider variety of conditions than they ever did previously. Soldiers must drive everything from passenger cars to Humvees," Owens said. "This contributes to accidents from human error and behavioral factors. The Army also has more Soldiers who have never driven before entering the Army."

About 25 percent of new Soldiers do not have driver's licenses when they join the Army.

Standardized traffic safety courses for everyone who drives in the Army that

Awareness Day

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kitchens will be set ablaze to show the damage of a kitchen fire. A Christmas tree fire will also be started and extinguished.

Child and Youth Services will be sponsoring the bounce house, various booths with arts, crafts and safe cooking projects. They will also be bringing in "Nothing Up My Sleeve," who will be providing "Sponge Bob Squarepants," balloon critters, body art and face painting, said Pat

Palazzi, director of Outreach Services at CYS.

At times throughout the day, Feris (The Ironbirds' mascot) and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will be on hand to entertain.

Youth Sports will sponsor a Golf Long Drive Contest, Football Throw, Soccer Shoot Out and Standing Long Jump competition, offering prizes in numerous age categories. An egg toss and tug of war contest will also take place.

The Police Station and Fire House will be open for tours, and free hot dogs and

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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APG Soldiers run in 21st Annual Army 10 miler

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OC&S

A team of Soldiers from the 61st Ordnance Brigade and two teams from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) were among more than 20,000 runners that descended on the Pentagon Reservation in Arlington, Va., Oct. 2 to participate in the Army 10 miler.

Though 10 miles in name, the run actually turned into an 11.125 mile run around the Potomac River. A security concern rerouted runners, adding the extra mile. And as a result, no official times nor awards were given. However, each participant was given a commemorative coin.

According to reports, The Harbor Patrol Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department spotted a suspicious pile of material near the

middle of the run route and made the call to reroute the runners.

The changes, however, didn't dampen the spirits of Sgt. 1st Class Lester Dowdell, who said he has always wanted to participate in the run.

"The whole run had a very patriotic feel," he said. "It was an honor to be part of it."

Dowdell said he added intense cardio training to his regular physical training regiment in preparation for the run. For the past two months, he ran fast-paced six- to eight-mile runs on a weekly basis.

Sgt. 1st Class Chris Wood added similar cardio training to his regular PT. For the past 11 weeks leading up to the run, he jogged alternating between fast and endurance pace runs five times a week.

This year's run was Wood's first and he said he thoroughly

enjoyed it.

"It was an exciting challenge and it was great to experience running in an event steeped in a tradition of excellence," Wood said.

Third year runner, Capt. Kermit Thomas said he's always inspired by the diversity and resilience of the participants.

"You get a real sense of pride running with so many Soldiers and people from all walks of life," Thomas said. "You see all kinds of people, retirees, active duty, national guardsmen, teens, and senior citizens. People come from everywhere to run in unity."

Thomas said he was particularly inspired when he saw an OIF veteran running with a prosthetic leg.

"If you see something like that and don't get inspired then you have a problem," he said.



An exhausted and sweat drenched Sgt. 1st Class Chris Wood, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Lester Dowdell, both of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, finish the Army 10 miler at an improvised finish line in the south parking lot of the Pentagon.

Aberdeen teen attends Nestle Crunch Hot Shot Camp

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Sometimes when you test your limits the rewards can be sweet. An Aberdeen teen found this to be very true after he was selected from a national pool of contenders to participate in the Nestle Crunch Hot Shots Camp.

Bret Borden, an Aberdeen High School sophomore and the son of retired Sgt. 1st Class Bret Borden Sr., was awarded two 9-pound candy bars by WBAL's Jennifer Franciotti for his efforts, and as a bonus, got to meet Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade of the NBA's Miami Heat at the University of Miami's Convocation Center Aug. 13.

The Nestle Crunch Hot Shots Camp seeks out and celebrates the nation's best young basketball players. Males and females ages 12 to 19 submit a 60-second video that showcases their best stuff. The 10 that demonstrate the greatest array of on-court skills, distinctive style and the 'Crunchy attitude' get to attend the exclusive Nestle Hot Shots Camp, according to the Nestle Crunch Web site.

Borden, a point guard on his school's basketball team during

his freshman year, said that he's "never done anything like this before."

"The Hot Shot talent search caught my eye and I thought 'why not,'" Borden said.

He said that his friends were very supportive and impressed with his achievement.

"They were surprised. Most couldn't believe it," he said.

Understandably, the best part of the experience was getting the opportunity to 'hoop it up' with Shaq.

"He was a nice guy, very friendly," Borden said. "I enjoyed the experience, meeting Shaq and seeing Miami."

"I thought it was great," added Borden's father, Bret Sr. "He got to go up and down the court with the NBA's most dominant player."

"This achievement is well deserved," he added. "Bret works hard on improving his basketball skills and his knowledge of the game."

Borden is enrolled in the Aberdeen High School Science and Math Academy. He said he plans to pursue a career in architecture.



Photo by BRET BORDEN SR.
Bret Borden, an Aberdeen High School sophomore, left, takes on Shaquille O'Neal of the Miami Heat during the Nestle Crunch Hot Shot Camp at the University of Miami in August.

APG DOC adds customer link to its Web site

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DOC

A new link, "Customer Corner," was added to the APG Directorate of Contracting Web site.

The "Customer Corner" covers topics from acquisition planning to unauthorized commitments. It provides continuously updated guidance,

articles, regulation links and templates.

"Our job is to serve as a mission enabler and help our garrison and tenant customers successfully accomplish their challenging missions," said Bryan Samson, ACA APG DOC director. "The new survey will allow us to identify opportunities to improve our business processes and

provide more responsive support."

Customer templates include:

- Information technology desktop and notebook computer purchases ordered through the Consolidated Buy using the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing agreements.
- Justification and Approval format locations and templates covering limited sources justification for GSA

Orders, Blanket Purchase Agreements and Multiple Awards Contracts over \$100,000.

- Non-DoD Contracts – justification documents for review and approval for the use of non-DoD contract vehicles – "direct acquisitions" (task/delivery orders, including GSA orders) and "assisted acquisitions" (a contract awarded or a task/delivery

order placed on behalf of the Army by an organization outside DoD).

A popup customer survey has also been added to the home page, that, once completed, is sent by e-mail for review and action, as necessary.

To access the "Customer Corner," go to the Garrison home page, www.apg.army.mil.

Soldier Show to bring 'Operation America Cares' to APG

USACFSC Public Affairs

The 2005 U.S. Army Soldier Show unveiled "Operation America Cares," a 90-minute song and dance production that expresses the importance of giving deployed Soldiers a touch of home, at Fort Belvoir, Va., May 6.

The 19-Soldier troupe, which is scheduled for 102 performances across America, Korea and at Camp Zama, Japan, comes to APG for three

performances Oct. 29 and 30.

The 2 p.m., Oct. 29 performance is for the 16th Ordnance Battalion and the 2 p.m. Oct. 30 show is for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The 7 p.m. Oct. 30 show is free and open to the public.

The six-and-a-half-month tour ends Nov. 13 back at Fort Belvoir, home of the Army Entertainment Division, one of more than 50 programs provided to Soldiers and their

families by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Va.

Along the way, the Soldier Show is scheduled to deliver "entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier."

"The message of the show is that it doesn't matter how tough we are and it doesn't matter how fit to fight we are, Soldiers are still human and longing for the familiar and America's affection," said Soldier Show director Victor Hurtado.

The cast and crew brings his vision to life with musical genres, rhythm and blues, new rock, country, gospel, eclectic new wave/new age, patriotic and newly arranged movie themes. Calling the show "our gift to the American Soldier," Hurtado stressed his desire to leave audiences with a sense of newfound knowledge.

"It's not just about singing and dancing; it's about each

audience member getting something out of it – being entertained, being moved, being inspired," he said. "We want to give them something to think about until next year – lift their spirits and grow their minds."

The show focuses on how Soldiers deal with the stresses of war and long deployments, Hurtado said. In one scene, a crate stuffed with recreation kits arrives from the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation headquarters.

"While DVDs and CDs can help Soldiers combat stress, nothing boosts morale quite like personal contact from home," Hurtado said. "The reinforcing feeling that everything is okay often makes a world of difference."

"We want to recognize that they're over there protecting us," said executive producer Joey Beebe, a former Soldier Show performer in his fourth season on the production team.

"To immortalize them in our show is our way of showing that we understand and recognize what they're doing for this country."

More than 400 Soldiers submitted applications to perform in the Soldier Show. Twenty-five were invited for live auditions, and 16 made the show. Three audio and lighting technicians accompany them on tour.

Staff Sgt. Joanne Makay, a member of the 2003 cast, is the lone returning Soldier Show performer. During her last tour, she sang "Heat Wave, 'Something Worth Leaving Behind,'" and a medley of Irvin Berlin tunes.

"She has quite a presence in the show," Hurtado said of Makay, who sang with Wynonna Judd at the 2003 U.S. Army Birthday Ball.

Soldier Show roots

Irving Berlin, a Russian immigrant who is best known for the songs "White

Christmas" and "God Bless America," wrote the first U.S. Army Soldier Show while on active duty at Camp Upton in Long Island, N.Y. Named "Yip Yip Yaphank," the show appeared on Broadway in 1918. During World War II, Berlin created another Soldier show for Broadway, "This is the Army," which became a 1943 film featuring a military cast with stars Ronald Reagan and Joe Louis. At the request of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the show toured for three years, performing for troops stationed in Europe and the Pacific.

The Army National Guard is the lead sponsor and partner of the 2005 U.S. Army Soldier show. AT&T is the corporate sponsor.

For more information, contact Chris Lockhart, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Support Services Division, 410-278-3904/4698.

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As for his years on APG, Rohrbaugh said he's never regretted one day.

"This is a challenging and rewarding job," he said. "I have the best supervisor in Catherine Clark who mentors and takes care of me."

"My personal thanks go

out to Brigadier General Whitmore and Major Pratt and to everybody I ever met because all of them helped to shape me in one way or another," Rohrbaugh said.

"I wouldn't change the last 20 years of my life for anything. The two greatest decisions of my life were marrying my wife and joining the military."

Charities

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The 2005 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Web site <http://www.cfc-cmd.org>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization Key worker or at the APG CFC office.

For more information, visit the APG CFC Office at building 4302 or call 410-306-1625/1626.

Retirees

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Ravens all over the country.

Ray T. Barksdale

A retired Army staff sergeant, Barksdale was the ceremony's oldest retiree who also served the longest with 52 years of combined military and federal service. Born in Huntington, Pa. in 1933, Barksdale joined the Army in 1953. He served in Germany, France, Korea and Vietnam and several stateside assignments, and retired in 1977.

That same year he began his civil service career with APG's Army Civilian Security Guard Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Barksdale received many awards and letters of appreciation, commendation and performance during his career.

He said he plans to remain active in his church, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist, in Havre de Grace, and with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He said he also plans to

continue league bowling and to take up golf.

"I have no real plans. When I look back it seems like I've already done everything," Barksdale said.

He thanked God for his "great years with DLES," and his family for their support.

"Through all the ups and downs that I had they've been right beside me," he said. "And now I'll try to hold them up."

Sgt. Maj. David M. Oberg

The 389th Army Band's former enlisted band leader retired during a ceremony at the bands' practice facility July 28. Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, presided over the ceremony, during which he presented Oberg with the Legion of Merit.

A native of Los Angeles, Cal., Oberg enlisted in the Army in 1980. His previous assignments include Fort Sheridan, Ill., Los Alamitos, Cal., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Polk, La., Camp Casey and Yongsan,

Korea, and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Oberg holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and a master's in international relations.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (4OLC), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 Campaign Stars) and the Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service medals.

"This band is capable of doing a lot of missions," Oberg said, noting that he has traveled to, "several countries and more than 20 states" during his two and one-half years with the band.

He said he plans to move to Las Vegas and take on a position as a Junior ROTC instructor in a local high school.

"They are Soldiers, every one," Oberg said, "and I'm proud to have been their leader."